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SUBJECT:SUNY-MGU DIRECT EXCHANGE

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1. SUNY CHANCELLOR BOYER HAS SENT FEB 23 LETTER TO MGU RECTOR KHKHLOV ENCLOSING DRAFT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND PROPOSING AY 76/77 EXCHANGE BETWEEN TWO UNIVERSITIES ALONG LINES REFTE6 A. BOYER REQUESTS EARLY RESPONSE AND OFFERS TO VISIT MOSCOW AND SIGN FINAL AGREEMENT MAY 28 IN CONJUNCTION WITH PLANNED OVERSEAS TRIP. COPY OF KHOKHLOV LETTER AND DRAFT AGREEMENT ALSO SENT MHE FOREIGN RELATIONS CHIEF BAZHANOV WITH COVER LETTER REQUESTING MHE'S ENDORSEMENT. COPIES ALL CORRESPONDENCE POUCHED CAO NOAH FEB 26.

2. IN ORDER GIVE THIS NEW EXCHANGE PROPOSAL ALL POSSIBLE ENCOURAGEMENT, REQUEST EMBASSY FOLLOW UP SUNY INITIATIVE WITH DIRECT APPROACH TO BAZHANOV AS SOON AS POUCHED COPIES OF SUNY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING IN ITS PRESENTATION:

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(A) SUNY REGARDS MGU EXCHANGE AS COMPLEMENT TO AND IN NO

AY SUBSTITUTE FOR SUNY-THOREZ EXCHANGE TO WHICH IT REMAINS FULLY COMMITTED;

(B) SUNY CHANCELLOR AND CAMPUS PRESIDENTS FULLY SUPPORT PROPOSED EXCHANGE AND HAVE INCLUDED IT IN LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT OF FULLY INTEGRATED UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE/FACULTY PROGRAM IN RUSSIAN/SOVIET STUDIES. IN VIEW US UNIVERSITY TREND TODAY TOWARD DECREASED SUPPORT FOR LANGUAGE/AREA PROGRAMS IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO HAVE US'S LARGEST UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING A DIRECT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

(C) THIS PROPOSAL COULD WELL BE START OF A LARGER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO LARGEST UNIVERSITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(D) IN ORDER INSURE THAT PROGRAM CAN BEGIN WITH 76/77 ACADEMIC YEAR, WE HOPE THAT MHE WILL GIVE PROPOSAL EARLY CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

4. SUNY'S BENEDICT IS PREPARED VISIT MOSCOW IN ADVANCE OF BOYER TO IRON OUT FINAL DETAILS WITH MHE AND MGU IF THAT SEEMS NECESSARY.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT SUNY PROPOSAL IS FOR DIRECT EXCHANGE WITH MGU, COORDINATING WITH THE MINISTRY AS NECESSARY, BUT THAT IT DOES NOT INVOLVE IREX. FYI KASSOF IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS AAASS INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS HERE IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 12 AND IS EXPECTED TO OFFER IREX'S "GOOD OFFICES" IN ADMINISTERING DIRECT UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES WITH SOVIET UNION. AS NOTED REFTEL B, WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH EXCHANGES SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED, WHERE POSSIBLE, DIRECTLY BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. WHILE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CHANNEL SUCH EXCHANGES THROUGH THE MINISTRY ON THE SOVIET SIDE, WE BELIEVE US INTERESTS WILL BEST BE SERVED AVOIDING A SINGLE AMERICAN CHANNEL. END FYI. KISSINGER

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